

New Security Measures Implemented

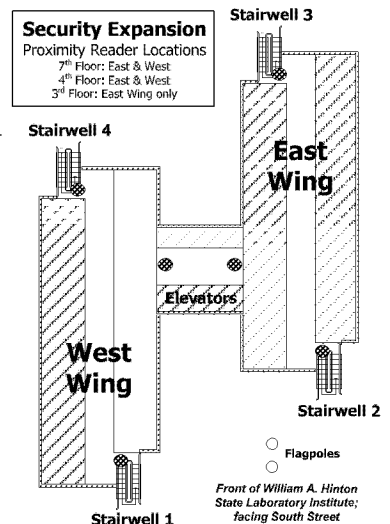
In an effort to increase laboratory security, a building wide proximity reader system has been expanded to include certain laboratory wings in the William A. Hinton State Laboratory Institute Tower Building.

Specifically, security proximity readers have been activated on some wing and stairwell doors leading to floors housing laboratories which test for agents requiring additional personal protective equipment and security. These wings include 7 east, 7 west, 4 east, 4 west and 3 east.. Access to these areas requires a new proximity card ID badge.

If you do not have a proximity ID and require access to any of the locked areas on 3, 4 or 7, please make prior arrangements with the person or group with whom you are meeting. Your host will meet you at the locked door and escort you through the restricted wing. This additional security measure is meant to protect staff and the public.

Until proximity readers are installed at all locations, a new security measure is in place at the main door at the Front Desk. Each JP campus staff member must swipe their ID card in the reader and close the door behind them, even if another person is in line. The next person must then swipe their badge to enter the Tower Building. This measure is intended to prevent those without access from entering the building.

We appreciate your patience and understanding in implementing this new measure, and if you have any questions please contact Tanya Swanson at x6664 or tanya.swanson@state.ma.us.



Laboratory Quality

A new series of in-service trainings, developed by the Quality Assurance and Communications Divisions, will begin in late August for all levels of BLS laboratory staff. Modules will be interactive and will emphasize practical application of regulations and applicability to the work performed at SLI. Each module will be given twice to allow more staff to attend. Announcements will be sent and posted prior to each session. The series will begin with an "Orientation" by the QA Division, Peggy DiNatale and Dina Caloggero, to explain the series and give a lab quality overview as a precursor for the remainder of the series. The second module, "Pre- and Post-Analytical Testing Issues", will be presented by Charles Reynolds, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Region I, DHHS.

August Events

<i>Thursday</i> 08/21	APHL Teleconference: Advanced Understanding of Hepatitis Laboratory Testing 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Auditorium
<i>Wednesday</i> 08/27	Laboratory Quality Session 1: Orientation Peggy DiNatale and Dina Caloggero 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Room 133
<i>Wednesday</i> 08/27	APHL Teleconference: Emerging Contaminants and the Importance of LC/MS for Environmental Labs 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Room 123

Updated Visitor Protocol

A new form has been developed for tours, educational groups, and other individuals visiting the William A. Hinton State Laboratory Institute. Requests must be submitted through the Office of Laboratory Response & Communications in advance of the visit, and all tours are subject to approval by the Division Directors and Laboratory Director. Information on this form will be used for internal purposes to track tour attendance and contact participants in the event of a safety/security incident. The new, electronic-fillable tour and safety forms are posted on the network at **Q:\Resources\Campus Security\Visitors**.